

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18 ____ . HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS.**

2 (a) INCLUSION OF VETERANS IN HOUSING PLAN-
3 NING.—

4 (1) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS.—Section
5 5A(d)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
6 (42 U.S.C. 1437e–1(d)(1)) is amended by striking
7 “and disabled families” and inserting “, disabled
8 families, and veterans (as such term is defined in
9 section 101 of title 38, United States Code)”.

10 (2) COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
11 STRATEGIES.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 of the
13 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Hous-
14 ing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705) is amended—

15 (i) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting
16 “veterans (as such term is defined in sec-
17 tion 101 of title 38, United States Code),”

1 after “acquired immunodeficiency syn-
2 drome,”;

3 (ii) in subsection (b)(20), by striking
4 “and service” and inserting “veterans serv-
5 ice, and other service”; and

6 (iii) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting
7 “veterans (as such term is defined in sec-
8 tion 101 of title 38, United States Code),”
9 after “homeless persons,”.

10 (B) CONSOLIDATED PLANS.—The Sec-
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development
12 shall revise the regulations relating to submis-
13 sion of consolidated plans (part 91 of title 24,
14 Code of Federal Regulations) in accordance
15 with the amendments made by paragraph (1) of
16 this subsection to require inclusion of appro-
17 priate information relating to veterans and vet-
18 erans service agencies in all such plans.

19 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO
20 VETERANS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31
22 of each year, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
23 Development shall submit a report on the activities
24 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

1 ment relating to veterans during such year to the
2 following:

3 (A) The Committee on Banking, Housing,
4 and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

5 (B) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
6 the Senate.

7 (C) The Committee on Appropriations of
8 the Senate.

9 (D) The Committee on Financial Services
10 of the House of Representatives.

11 (E) The Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
12 the House of Representatives.

13 (F) The Committee on Appropriations of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 (G) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under
17 paragraph (1) shall include the following information
18 with respect to the year for which the report is sub-
19 mitted:

20 (A) The number of homeless veterans pro-
21 vided assistance under the program of housing
22 choice vouchers for homeless veterans under
23 section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing
24 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)), the so-
25 cioeconomic characteristics and racial charac-

1 teristics of such homeless veterans, and the
2 number, types, and locations of entities con-
3 tracted under such section to administer the
4 vouchers.

5 (B) The number of homeless veterans pro-
6 vided assistance under the Tribal HUD-VA
7 Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)
8 authorized by the Consolidated and Further
9 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L.
10 113-235; 128 Stat. 2733) the socioeconomic
11 characteristics and racial characteristics of such
12 homeless veterans, and the number, types, and
13 locations of entities contracted under such sec-
14 tion to administer the vouchers.

15 (C) A summary description of the special
16 considerations made for veterans under public
17 housing agency plans submitted pursuant to
18 section 5A of the United States Housing Act of
19 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e-1) and under com-
20 prehensive housing affordability strategies sub-
21 mitted pursuant to section 105 of the Cranston-
22 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
23 U.S.C. 12705).

24 (D) A description of the activities of the
25 Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs.

1 (E) A description of the efforts of the De-
2 partment of Housing and Urban Development
3 to coordinate the delivery of housing and serv-
4 ices to veterans with other Federal departments
5 and agencies, including the Department of De-
6 fense, Department of Justice, Department of
7 Labor, Department of Health and Human Serv-
8 ices, Department of Veterans Affairs, Inter-
9 agency Council on Homelessness, and the Social
10 Security Administration.

11 (F) The cost to the Department of Hous-
12 ing and Urban Development of administering
13 the programs and activities relating to veterans.

14 (G) Any other information that the Sec-
15 retary considers relevant in assessing the pro-
16 grams and activities of the Department of
17 Housing and Urban Development relating to
18 veterans.

19 (3) ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY
20 LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—For the first report
22 submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and every
23 fifth report thereafter, the Secretary of Housing
24 and Urban Development shall—

1 (i) conduct an assessment of the hous-
2 ing needs of very low-income veteran fami-
3 lies; and

4 (ii) shall include in each such report
5 findings regarding such assessment.

6 (B) CONTENT.—Each assessment under
7 this subsection shall include—

8 (i) conducting a survey of, and direct
9 interviews with, a representative sample of
10 very low-income veteran families to deter-
11 mine past and current—

12 (I) socioeconomic characteristics
13 of such veteran families;

14 (II) barriers to such veteran fam-
15 ilies obtaining safe, quality, and af-
16 fordable housing;

17 (III) levels of homelessness
18 among such veteran families; and

19 (IV) levels and circumstances of,
20 and barriers to, receipt by such vet-
21 eran families of rental housing and
22 homeownership assistance; and

23 (ii) such other information that the
24 Secretary determines, in consultation with
25 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and na-

1 tional nongovernmental organizations con-
2 cerned with veterans, homelessness, and
3 very low-income housing, may be useful to
4 the assessment.

5 (C) CONDUCT.—If the Secretary contracts
6 with an entity other than the Department of
7 Housing and Urban Development to conduct
8 the assessment under this subsection, such enti-
9 ty shall be a nongovernmental organization de-
10 terminated by the Secretary to have appropriate
11 expertise in quantitative and qualitative social
12 science research.

13 (D) FUNDING.—Of any amounts made
14 available pursuant to section 501 of the Hous-
15 ing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (42
16 U.S.C. 1701z–1) for programs of research,
17 studies, testing, or demonstration relating to
18 the mission or programs of the Department of
19 Housing and Urban Development for any fiscal
20 year in which an assessment under this sub-
21 section is required pursuant to subparagraph
22 (A), \$1,000,000 shall be available until ex-
23 pended for costs of the assessment under this
24 subsection.

1 (E) VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAM-
2 ILY.—The term “very low-income veteran fam-
3 ily” means a veteran family whose income does
4 not exceed 50 percent of the median income for
5 the area, as determined by the Secretary with
6 adjustments for smaller and larger families, ex-
7 cept that the Secretary may establish an income
8 ceiling higher or lower than 50 percent of the
9 median for the area on the basis of the Sec-
10 retary’s findings that such variations are nec-
11 essary because of prevailing levels of construc-
12 tion costs or fair market rents (as determined
13 under section 8 of the United States Housing
14 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f)).

